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FOR ULTRA-LOW CAPACITANCE INTERCONNECTIONS

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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed June 20, 2002 for which a three (3) month period for reply was specified. A Petition and fee for a one (1) month extension of time accompany this paper. Since October 20, 2002 was a Sunday, this paper and any accompanying papers are timely filed on Monday, October 21, 2002. In view of these amendments and the following remarks, further and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.